

Kimberlin *Chronicle*

KIMBERLIN CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH – JANUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Church Family,

As I am writing these words, we are in the midst of the Advent and Christmas season and another year is coming to a close. And what a year it has been!

Many of us we are saying "good riddance" to 2020. We are only too glad to put COVID, masks, and social distancing behind us, BUT the epidemic is still with us and in the last couple of weeks restrictions have been renewed. Even a recent issue of *Time* had 2020 on the front cover X-ed out with the by-line under it: "The Worst Year Ever."

And we wonder, will this ever end. We are changing a calendar but is there any hope in sight?

I am reminded of a favorite scripture for many of us that is found in Psalm 118:24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." How do we rejoice in the difficult days of our lives? We do not rejoice in the struggles themselves but in the Lord we serve. We must keep our focus on Jesus Christ.

How do we keep this focus? The beginning step comes in accepting our Lord's grace in our lives by saying "yes" to His gift of salvation. We must surrender our lives to Him and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. There are no substitutes. Jesus is first and foremost!

As Christians—people who have accepted Jesus into our lives—how do we continue to grow in God's grace (II Peter 3:18)? Again, we focus not on our circumstances but on the Lord we serve. What are means to our focus on Jesus? There are several:

1. Bathe our lives in God's Word, allowing it to give us the mind of Christ (I Corinthians 2:16).
2. Communicate with God in prayer, Who is the source of our strength (Psalm 86:6).
3. Be faithful in returning God's tithes and offerings to Him, as a reminder of Who blesses us in the first place (Malachi 3:9-10).
4. Share the reason for the hope that we have in Jesus Christ so that others can experience Him in their lives (I Peter 3:15).
5. Dedicate time to the public assembling of God's people, that we may encourage one another (Hebrews 10:25).

Now, I know that last one will turn some heads. "Pastor, how can we come together during an epidemic?" Many of us (even most of us?) are still able to go out and about and do all week long with work, shopping, etc. We can assemble together without question. Due to illnesses, medical conditions, etc. many cannot do so, but they can be a part of our public worship through many avenues of media—radio, Facebook, etc.—and even Bible study through Zoom on Thursday evenings.

We can all join together in one manner or another. Worshipping together in person is the best, without question, but there is a means for EVERYONE of us to do so. Let's not forsake the assembly.

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1 Timothy 4:12

Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity.

Can you believe it!? As I am writing this, we are just a couple weeks out from the New Year! This year has been difficult for most of us. Lockdowns, e-learning, live streaming worship, cancelled holidays, no family gatherings....the list could go on. 2020 will be a year that goes down in history. I'm sure we never would have thought that social distancing, quarantine or remembering our masks to go anywhere would be part of our daily lives or vocabulary.

I was listening to a favorite Christmas song of mine, "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day," and its words ring truer this year than most. Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote this beloved song shortly after he lost his wife and his son had been crippled by the Civil War. Every year the church bells in his town would ring on Christmas day and they would remind him of peace on earth and good will to all. In this year of great loss, Longfellow did not feel the peace or goodwill. Loss, war, pain and strife were all he felt and saw. However, the Christmas bells reminded him to lift up his eyes, that God is not dead, nor doth He sleep! God will prevail. Good will prevail. The peace of God can reign in our hearts, even now, in this year of loss, grief, pain and confusion.

May we remember that "God is Not Dead, Nor doth He Sleep" this New Year. There is hope, an everlasting hope in our Savior, Jesus Christ.

God's Most Gracious Blessings, Pastor Tyler & Leah

Future Events

- 2/02 Red Cross Blood Drive in FLC, 3-8 PM
- 2/02 Choir Practice begins for the Easter Cantata, 6:30 PM (every Tuesday in Feb.)
- 2/04 CCA ABMen's Quarterly Mtg., 7:00 PM
- 2/04 Zoom Bible Study, 7 PM each Thu. In Feb.
- 2/07 Deacon's Mtg., 12:00 PM
- 2/07 Canned goods picked up for EMCC
- 2/07 Bowling outing/Youth Gathering at Scottsburg Lanes, 2-4 PM
- 2/10 Business Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 2/17 Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30 PM
- 2/19-20 Women's Retreat at SEBYC (age 15 & up)
- 2/20 Shared Blessings, 10 a.m.-2 PM
- 2/21 Youth Pulled Pork Fundraising Dinner in FLC, 12-1:30 PM followed by Youth Gathering until 3:30 PM
- 2/26-27 IGNITE Youth Retreat at SEBYC
- 3/02 Choir Practice, 6:30 PM (every Tuesday in March except the 23rd)
- 3/04 Zoom Bible study continues every Thursday in March at 7:00 PM
- 3/05 Movie Night at KCBC, 6:00 PM
- 3/07 Deacon's Mtg., 12 PM
- 3/07 Youth Gathering, 5-7 PM

Greetings from TeamKid! Although we've only met once in person, since March, we have continued to learn and grow closer to Jesus! We meet on Zoom at 7:00 p.m on most Wednesday evenings. If your child would like to join us, please contact Angie A. for the log-in information.

TeamKid would like to thank the Deacons and Pastor Tim for allowing us to gather for our annual "Happy Birthday Jesus" party last month. We enjoyed some good food, several crafts, a couple of games and a lesson about the Nativity.

COVID-19 has brought about many changes however Jesus has never changed. He has not left us and He is going to see us through! We hope to see you soon in person or on Zoom.

God Bless you,
Angie A.



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STEWARDSHIP & ATTENDANCE

	<u>SS</u>	<u>MW</u>	<u>OFFERING</u>
Nov. 29	19	27	\$ 2,200.00
Dec. 6	21	36	\$ 5,325.00
Dec. 13	29	56	\$ 3,600.00
Dec. 20	20	56	\$ 3,250.00

4 Wk. Total Received \$14,375.00

4 Wk. Total Needed \$14,052.00

5 Wk. Rec. Last Month \$10,819.00

2020-2021 YTD needed: \$56,208.00

2020-2021 received: \$43,100.00

(September 1, 2020-December 20, 2020)

World Mission Offering

Goal - \$1,300; Total Received - \$1,000.00

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As we do turn the page over to another year, many that I talk with are discouraged and disheartened, but I want to let you in on a secret: GOD IS STILL IN CHARGE! While we enter 2021 let us not forget that the Lord is still in charge and let's rejoice in Him (Psalm 118:24)!"

You know, Time got it wrong...2020 is not the worst year ever. The worst is the one without Jesus Christ. Let's keep our focus on the One who makes every year great!

With Love for You All, Pastor Tim.

P.S. If in your medical conditions you are not able to be with us physically, I understand completely and I encourage you to join with us via the multitude of media previously mentioned. I also need to remind you to be faithful in giving your offerings which keep up the various ministries of our church. You can give through the mail, by PayPal, give your offerings to others to drop off, and you can even give me a call to pick them up for you. Thank you for staying committed to our Lord Jesus Christ and to our Church!

EDNA MARTIN CHRISTIAN CENTER

January is the month every year when we bring canned goods for them to restock their cupboards. In the past we have challenged the men against the women to bring in the most cans. But this year with our low numbers at church each Sunday, this will not be possible. So we are challenging each and everyone of you to bring as many canned goods as you possibly can and drop them off at the church whenever it is convenient for you. We will have a large box on the bench under the carport for you to put your items in. Then whenever one of us...Pastor Tim, Pastor Tyler, Judy or Michelle are here, we will bring them into the church. Plus, you can also bring them with you when you come to church on Sunday. Our goal is 2500 items. Let's all be diligent and let's surpass that goal. If each person, adult and child, in every local household that receives this newsletter, would bring at least 10 cans each we would surpass our goal.

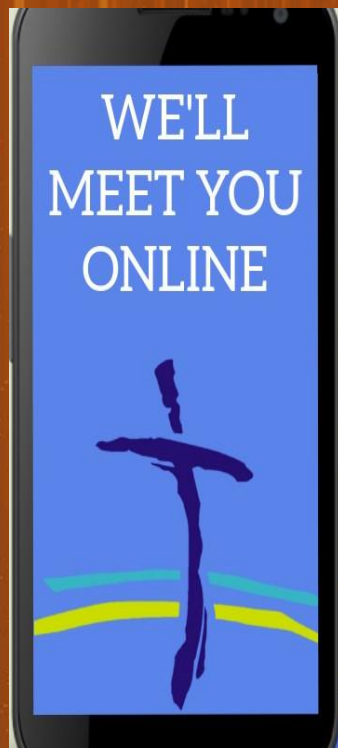
**HAPPY NEW YEAR
2021**

Is it over? I'm sure this question is on a lot of people's minds as we step out of one year and into a new one. The year 2020 was an unprecedented year, as we saw things never seen before in my lifetime. We now have phrases like social distancing, masks up, and sanitize. We've seen shutdowns, job losses, school closures, and protests. Now as we enter 2021 the thoughts on everyone's mind is what is this year going to bring. I'm sure some people are anxious and worrying about the future, and I will be honest, as humans it's natural to try to look ahead, and try to figure out what's coming our way. As I was thinking of what challenges 2021 may, or may not bring, the Lord brought a childhood memory to me. Growing up I would spend a lot of time with my grandparents on my dad's side of the family. They attended a small country church in a little place called Rodney. There was a dear sweet lady who was well past 90 who faithfully attended every week, she lived on a hill above the church, and was always one of the first ones to church. She didn't have a lot of materialistic things, but you could tell she was one of the Saints that lived next door to Jesus. Her favorite song was Living By Faith, and the first verse in that song states: "I care not today what tomorrow may bring, if shadow, or sunshine, or rain. The Lord I know ruleth over everything, and all of my worry is vain". Growing up and watching dear Sis. Stuart really had an impact on my life. Did she have some rough times? I'm sure she did, but she never showed it. My prayer for 2021 is that even in our finite humanity, when we start to worry about what may or may not happen next, and when it seems everything is crumbling around us, we'll still have faith enough to say, I care not what 2021 may bring, because the God I serve already has been there, and will get me through. Happy New Year y'all.

Perry Stainbrook

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Carell & Barbara Braden, 1961
- 1 Stephen & Tonia Spicer, 2008
- 2 Laura Bowling, Lila Craig
- 3 George & Trudy Blair, 1964
- 5 Ben Julian
- 6 Dennis Zollman, Asher James
- 7 Keith Shaw
- 8 Kason Hardin
- 9 Andrea Blevins
- 10 Mary Basham, Jace Kelley
- 11 Bob Calder, Jennifer Bryant
- 12 Hazel West, Carla Gross
- 17 Parker Eldridge
- 18 Dorothy Gray
- 19 **Jim & Pat Berna, 1980**
- 20 Taren James
- 21 Mickey Hall
- 22 Edna Grubaugh, Chris Bowling
- 23 Chase Michael Bautista
- 24 Sean Gregg, Donnie Towne
- 25 **John & Rebecca Sims, 2003**
- 26 Jim Fields, David Gibson
- 27 Preston Craig
- 29 Larry Fletcher
- 30 Angie Lewis, Jason Hines
- 31 Mary Williams



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Morning at
10:30am!



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